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REMARKS

Further to Applicants' response to Office Action submitted on March 9, 2005, Applicants have included additional new claims 95 – 100 in the present Supplemental Amendment for the Examiner's consideration. Accordingly, claims 1 – 100 are currently pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

New claim 95 is supported in FIG. 6 and paragraphs [0050], [0056] and [0057] of the specification. Zeigler et al. (US Patent 5,759,961) does not teach or suggest accurately directing a droplet to a desired position on the target medium using a gas stream. In fact, Zeigler teaches breaking the melted super conducting material into ligaments, and allowing the ligaments to exit the barrel in a plurality of trajectories, as shown in FIG. 1 in Zeigler. Furthermore, Zeigler discloses melting the material in a crucible and allow the melted material to "fall" in a stream through a bottom hole in the crucible (Abstract, Zeigler), which teaches away from ejecting a droplet from a container.

Claim 96 is supported at paragraphs [0011], [0048], and [0060] of the specification. Claim 97 is supported in FIG. 6 and paragraph [0056]. Claim 98 is supported at paragraphs [0003], [0004], [0048], and [0057]. Claim 99 is supported at paragraphs [0014], [0050], [0057], [0060], and the abstract. Claim 100 is supported at paragraphs [0003], [0004], [0048], and [0057].

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 514542001000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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